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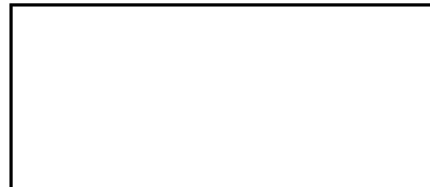
SUBJECT: Terminology "Moslem World"

1. On page 15 of the DCI's report to the PFIAB, the term "Moslem World" is used to delineate the geographic area of responsibility of one NIO. I recommend that this term be dropped and another substituted.

2. Generally speaking, the "Moslem World" includes the countries of North Africa, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, the Arabian Peninsula, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and into the Pacific area where Indonesia and some of the Philippine population must be included. I do not believe the DCI intended to define the area of responsibility this way.

3. I suggest that one NIO might be assigned responsibility for the Arab countries of North Africa, eastward to include Israel, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Turkey, ^{Iran,} Lebanon and the Arabian Peninsula. A case can be made for extending responsibility to Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India but that is not a sticky issue.

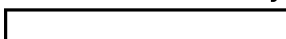
4. The term "Middle East" or "Near East and Southwest Asia" might be more descriptive of the area the DCI has in mind. This eliminates troubles about defining Israel, Iran, Turkey, etc. as to their ethnic or religious character and ties them together in terms of regional political and economic interests.



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